


(PL) = Pedro Luis DIAZ y L.  
(A-M) = JOSE MARCOS  
(IC) = Fidel CASTRO

31 July 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Debriefing of Jose Marcos DIAZ y L.  
28-29 July 1959, Tampa, Florida

1. Mr. Ben C. Evans and Mr. Joe L. Then arrived in Tampa at 1415 28 July 1959 and were met by Mr. Bernard Riehardt. We immediately went to the Hillsborough Hotel where we registered as Ben C. Elliot and John L. Taldy respectively, listing Department of State as place of employment.
2. Subject was in Room 215 with Mr. [Joe Brannigan]<sup>03</sup>, Office of Security. We introduced ourselves to Subject as Ben Elliot and John Taldy.
3. Subject was using the name Mariano JIMINEZ y Gomez, which appeared on his I&NS identification slip.
4. Subject was debriefed, almost exclusively in English for five hours on 28 July and again for approximately the same amount of time on the 29th.
5. Subject was cooperative, responded to all questions, and appeared to be under no stress. He did inquire about his family in Cuba and the whereabouts of his brother Pedro Luis, but evinced no grave concern.
6. Subject's views, as related in the attached, are probably colored by his respect for Pedro Luis and a desire to demonstrate his brother's importance, stature, and role in the future of Cuba.
7. No security problems were encountered.

  
Ben C. Evans

Attachment:  
Debriefing report

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PRESENT STATUS OF FAR

1. Juan ALMEIDA, a yes man to FC who can't fly and knows nothing about aircraft or air forces, has fired 19 officers from FAR since taking over, among them were the best pilots.
2. There are presently 13 or 14 pilots in FAR and only 6 or 7 are any good.
3. Status of aircraft.
  - Jets: Total 5. 4 will fly.
  - propellers: Total 20. 6 will fly.
  - DC-3 Total 4.
  - C-47 Total 2.
  - C-46 Total 2. One in bad shape.
  - DC-4 Total 2. One being repaired.
  - Bell Helicopter total 7. One burned recently.
  - S-26 total (forgot to ask JM, but he did say they had no spares for them).
4. Ammo
  - 1.5 million rds .50 cal
  - 15 to 25 500 lb bombs.
  - "some" rockets.
5. have taken all 50 cal MG from F-47's and put on tripods for ground and air defense in areas where they expect attack.
6. All mechanics are former Batista personnel. Most replacement and repairs done by cannibalizing.
7. FC is trying to get jets from Venez. no details on this.
8. FAR employs 11 Chilean instructors at \$750/ea/mo. In the presence of JM, FC asked them if they were ready to fight for Cuba, and since they were hired for instructors they didn't know what to say.
9. Training. JM established a prep-school for persons who wanted to take the exams for flight training. Located at Varadero, Havana. In Mar 59 had 350 students 190 of which were illiterate. F.C. told him that there was no need to take exams, that he didn't want any "fancy-boys" but wanted pilots like the Japanese KAMIKAZE that would go where they were told.
10. Other Air: CUBANA AERO POSTAL. Has 4 C-46's. Under direction of Capt Juan SEYDI who sends plane every 3 or 4 days to Miami to smuggle in arms. JM believes SEYDI is commie (See 46)
  - CUBANA Air Lines: FC fired all experienced pilots. Now operating at \$400,000 per month loss.
11. 26 Jul Forces Distribution: Havana: 3000 of which 1200 FAR personnel.
  - Cabana Fortress: 1500.
  - Matanzas 300.
  - Santa Clara: 300.
  - Camaguey: 2500.
  - Santiago de Cuba: 3-5000.
  - Pinar del Rio: 700.
  - POLICE: 3000 Havana
  - 2000 Elsewhere.

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Personal Data

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Education: Quit Mariana, E.C. in 1947. Did not graduate.  
Flight Instructions: Private instruction at Santa Fe Airport  
in 1950

Family

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Rel</u>
Sergio	39	US	Brother
Guillermo	25	Havana	Brother
(Arrested when PL fled Cuba, but released and now studying architecture.)			
Reinaldo	23	Havana	Brother
Jorge	22	"	"
(Former pilot in 26, arrested and released)			
Eduardo	20	"	"
Pedro Luis		"	"
Yolanda	32	"	Sister
(Married to Captain Ricardo ZENOS, ZENOS ??? USAF, stationed in NY State with SAC. Ricardo has been ordered to Alaska for 3-6 mos, so Yolanda is in Havana to have her 4th child.)			
Esther	15	Havana	Sister
Esther Lanz Garcia	50	Havana	Mother
(Now taking shock treatments for nerv brkdw foll PL departure.)			
Pedro Luis DIAZ Rivero		Havana	Father
Vicente LANZ Garcia		"	Uncle
(See )			

Position Inspector General, FAR. JN described this position as being the same as Deputy Commander or 2d in command of FAR.

Revolutionary Activity: Spent entire period working in 26 underground in Havana. Principal task was to arrange for shipment of arms to Santiago. In this regard he worked closely with Augustine CAPO See NOTE. Also worked with Major fru DIAZO in Havana underground.

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1. Father ~~FR~~ O'FARREL. <sup>looks</sup> Now that JM is out of Cuba, he, to O'FARREL to be his principal "contact man" between PL, himself and anti-CASTRO elements in Cuba. JM intends to have him come to Miami periodically for this purpose. He is forming a large anti-FC organization, is in touch with VASCONA, MENDOZA, BARRON, and dissident elements in F.A. JM has known him since 1956. He is about 30 and was described as being a dam fool for being so outspoken in anti-FC feelings. JM intends to contact him through the Catholic convent Padres Dominicos, San Juan de Lotren, located in the Vedado Section, Havana on 19th St between J&I

- 161 2. Rafael BOTELLO Located in Miami as principal ~~contact~~ for operations covering PEDRAZZA's plans and activities. Reports go directly to Capt Alfredo GUERRA ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ A-2 FAR and then to F.C. Has been in Miami for 3 mos. JM saw all these reports up until the time he left office. JM intends to contact him in Havana and see recent reports and get copies of all reports for his use. Feels BOTELLO will cooperate. According to Botello's reports PEDRAZZA has 6-8,000 men, 8 P-51's, 2 B-26 and a total of 30 planes. 5-700 men in Cuba. According to JM ~~xxxx~~, PEDRAZZA will attack Cuba within 60 days by land and sea, with landings on north coast. JM thinks MOYA permitted PEDRAZZA elements to land weapons in 2d Front Escambray with idea that F.C. and PEDRAZZA can fight it out then 2d Front can move in and capitalize on a weakened F.C. and seize control of situation. F.C. knows all the details of these preparations in Santa Domingo and therefore will attack. On the other hand TRUJILLO will encourage PEDRAZZA to attack Cuba.

3. Juan Fernandez CASTRO (36) Presently working in FAR Inspector Generals Office. Loyal to PL & JM. Has a US resident's visa works with the "Canadian". JM intends to contact thru Father O'Farrel.

2. 4. "The Canadian" 1st Lt in Canadian AF. F.C. met him on trip to Canada where he asked if he could come to Cuba and work with 26. Arrived in May 59. Born in Cuba of Canadian parents. Assigned to JM's office when he expressed knowledge of just how Russians work based on his experience in Occupation duties in Germany. Assigned by JM to work in the office of Chief Political Police & report on extent of commie penetration also told to cultivate Maria (see JC) secretary of F.C.

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5. Lt Afren PICHARDO(26) US citizen. Assigned by JK to work with special group which planning invasion of Nicaragua and report on details. This group, working directly under Raul Castro at a house in the Biltmore Section of Havana. On 25 or 26 June he reported that guns and people are ready for invasion at a farm in Pinar del Rio. J.M. can contact thru (3).
6. Capt Alfredo FERRA (26) Chief of Intelligence FAR, resigned after PL fled but resignation not accepted by FC because he knew too much. F.C. asked him to work in his, the Prime Ministers Office, which he is doing but still retains responsibility for FAR Intelligence. See 2) JK feels that he and PL can count on him for support.
7. Major Jose Mario CRUZ(25) <sup>former</sup> aide or adjutant (3d in command) to Chief, FAR. Fled to Miami after PL resigned.
8. Capt Rafael ENDET (26) Paymaster of FAR. Resigned when PL resigned. In touch with MENOYA and OA. Now in Havana.
9. Major Benigno DIAZ Best pilot in FAR, 19 yrs experience in AF fled to Miami shortly after PL resigned and sent JK word when he arrived ~~XXXX~~ Miami. Fired by Juan ALMEIDA
10. Captain Hubert MANSTET Excellent pilot fled to Miami
11. Lt Manuel CARRO " " " " " "
12. Capt Gaston BARNAL\* Commander B-26 aircraft. Remain in FAR, but Anti-FC.
13. Capt Enu MIGUEL " Pursuit " " " " " "
14. Capt Carrera ROLAS " Jet " " " " " "
15. Capt Renaldo BLANCO Chief Supply FAR A-4 " " " " " "
16. Capt Nestor ALVAREZ\* Was pilot who flew FC back from Bogota in 1948. Resigned when PL left FAR and now in hiding in Havana
17. Lt. Manuel CARRO\* Pilot, FAR. Fired by ALMEIDA
- (\*) Came to JK's house the evening PL resigned (1 Jul) and suggested they all "take to the hills" together and fight F.C. (12-16-17)
18. Maj Antonio TORRECILLA Fired by ALMEIDA, best pilot-navigator in FAR. Presently hiding in Havana.
19. Capt Blas BALBOA (26) Fired by ALMEIDA. Pilot FAR. Probably in Hav.
20. Capt Garcia INIGUE(26) " " " " " " " "

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21. Capt Juan VIVERO Worked with PL in Santiago de Cuba. Was the one who saw the Russian submarine in that area during revol. became Asst to Inspector General (JM) FAR and resigned when PL left FAR.
22. Capt Eduardo FERRER Replaced JM as Inspector General under ALMEIDA.
23. Agustine CAPO Was Treasurer for 26 during Revol. Was slated to be Mayor of Havana. But since he was competent engr assigned task of constructing large radio installation at Dos Rios, Rio Cauto, Oriente Prov. which handles all commo for revol. expeditions. Plant was completed in March 59 and he not given any pen of responsibility with 26. Now supports PL and was in touch with JM who intends to contact.
24. Dr. Juan Rodriguez PINEDO Has organized a group of professional men who are anti-P.C. called Recuperacion Democratica. J.M. was working with this group in Havana and can get in touch with thru ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ VILLALBA. See 25
25. Jorge VILLALBA. Member 26 Jul. Age 34. Tel 36783 Took JM to the Convent where he hid until evac. an engr stu. Has sugar interest. Active during revol. shipping ammo/guns. Works with O'Farrell (1)
26. Major William DALVES "Yes man" for FC. Seized American properties in Isle of Pines for P.C.
27. Antonio Llano ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Former Public Information Officer for FAR. Fired by Che Guevarra 1 Mar 59 because he wrote article in FAR publication which asked why the Indostrination School at Cabana Fortress was necessary He was with FC during his student days at Habana U. and knows some of the shady check business he was in at the time. Now working for Carteles Magazine. JM plans to contact.
28. BARQUIN <sup>JO</sup> JM, working thru his (BARB IN 3) wife prepared a detailed plan for the capture of the Isle of Pines and release of Barquino and Major Barbonet, but when JM and PL presented plan to FC, he turned it down because Barquino there.
29. Armando ~~XXXXXXXX~~ HERNANDEZ Official in Education Ministry. Friend of JM who alarmed at commie influence there.
30. Father Villa VERDE ~~XXXXXXXX~~ In touch with BARQUIN. Also friend of (1) and JM.
31. Major Armando FLIDES Went to FC a few days before PL resigned and said "we are with PL"
32. Major CANNON (DR) Has 2000 men in MENDY's org who would coop with PL also went with 31 to see F.C. Would support PL ~~CONTACT BETWEEN (PL-JM) AND MENDY~~
33. Comandante Huber NACOS Has 2500 men under his command in Camaguey Prov. Went with Father CALLE to La Plata when FC was to sign Land Reform Law in an effort to put pressure on him to liberalize measure.
34. Father CALLE <sup>JO</sup> See 33. Located at Central Aselaida. 33 would support PL.

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35. Andres GONZALEZ Larriza. Chief of Base at San Antonio, May (Batista Field)  
Member CP since 1935. Director of Political Indoctrination School.
36. 1st Lt. Arturo LINCE On 15 May sent to FAR Hq to be political/cultural officer for FAR. Very close to Raul CASTRO. PL objected and had argument with FC. JK thinks he is now in Texas doing some business with Bell Helicopter Co.
37. Doctora FRY BARRAZA LIVES right across the street from convent where JK hid out. See (1) for address. Father told JK she old commie, and that on day URSULA ousted RAUL CASTRO met there with others for 4 hrs.  
HAVA phone book lists:  
LEONOR BARRAZA at  
19 N. 256 Vdo.
38. Maria (La Cabe Tuithe) in full name Wife of Major Delio GOMEZ OCHOA. Russian born and Secretary to FC. MARIA Wircska DZYDNEZYNSKA. DOB 7 Nov '21.
39. Garcia VELIZ Chief Administrative Asst to Raul CASTRO.
40. Lt. Victor PINA Cardoza In Officer between FAR and Raul's office.
41. Carlos Rafael GONZALEZ. Revolucion
42. Carlos FRANKUI Director Revolucion
43. Osmay CIENFUEGOS Brother of Camilo. Director of Political/Cultural Indoctrination for all Armed Forces.
44. Major Felic TORRES Military Commander Yaguajai, Las Villas.
45. Juan ESCALONA (Kear) 2d in Command, Santiago de Cuba. Close friend of Raul's wife.
46. Capt Fnu SEMINY Director CUBANA AERO PORTAL. 3 or 4 days before PL resigned told him he thought communism good thing for Cuba. Flies to Miami almost every day smuggling arms.

Camilo Cienfuegos

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**OTHER INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED:**

47. Alberto RAYO Cosgaya

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Captain in FAR, pilot, suspected by JM and others of being a queer.

Alberto RAYO Giraud  
Father, \_\_\_\_\_, training guerrillas at Tarara Beach in Havana. JM suggested that if we want details on what is going on at Tarara Beach that Roy Webster, owner of the beach, be contacted.

48. Camilo CIENTELEGOS

JM feels that while he is not a communist he is influenced by his brother (43) who is.

49. Capt fmw CARTUJO (26)

In charge of arms and ammo for operations against Nicaragua. Pro PL. Wanted to resign when PL left FAR, but did not.

50. Capt fmw NAPOLEON

Described as working in same special group on Nicaraguan operations. (See 5)

51. Paul HUGHES

Also working with Nic ops group. JM said that contrary to press reports he (HUGHES) was never arrested.

52. Maj. Dr. Martinez PAIZ

26 Jul officer whom JM feels will support PL in any future undertaking and whom JM intends to contact thru (1)

53. Maj Soli MARTIN

54. Maj Ricardo LORIE

" " " " and has good contacts with cattlemen and sugar owners.

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55. Savas ~~MANASAS~~ Member of a group called Captains of 26 Jul  
JM was intouch with MANASAS through his father.
56. Arturo ~~HERNANDEZ~~ PL and JM's contact with the ~~XXX~~ Sanchez ~~APRANGO~~  
(AAI) organization
57. Commandante ~~RODRIGUEZ~~ Contact man between the CI/IR and the National  
Association of Ex-Officers ~~afrochink~~ in which  
PL and JM's father is active.
58. Vincente ~~LANZ~~ Garcia Uncle of PL & JM who according to JM saved  
the life of Orsay CIENTEBROS. JM stated that  
Orsay was sentenced to death due to his participation  
in a University student plot against BATISTA

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INSTALLATIONS SUPPORTING FOREIGN EXPEDITIONS

Los Canos, Oriente

Air strip from which operations against Nicaragua were supported and will be in the future. Field has been prepared for night operations, is lighted and has radio control facilities.

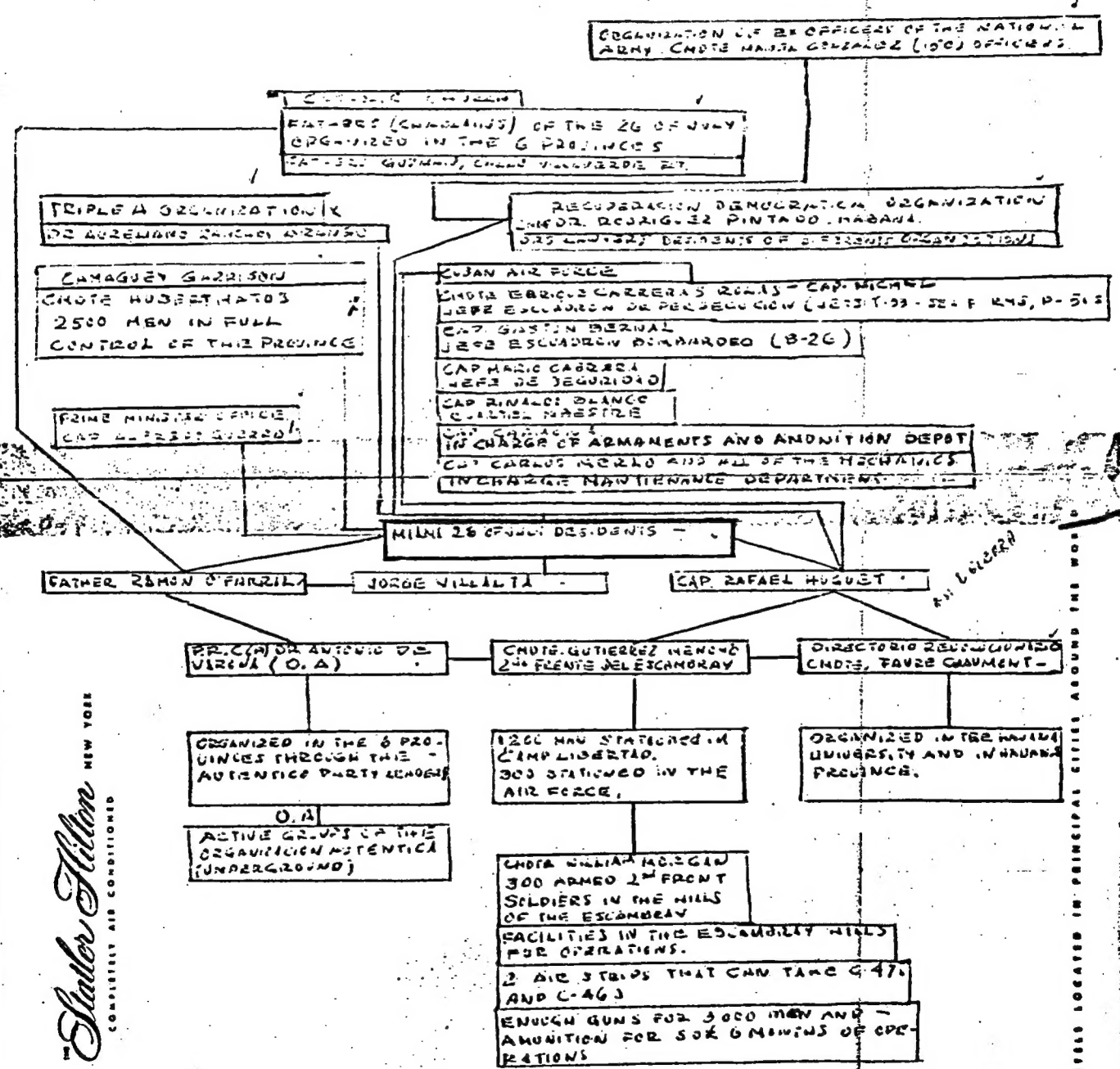
Dos Rios, Rio Cauto  
Orientex Prov

Large Radio Installation, equipment purchased from Switzerland. Completed ~~by~~ in March 59 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Construction supervised by Augustine CAPC, former Treas 26 Jul who now disenchanted with FC. See 23. This installation handles all traffic for expeditionary undertakings.

REVOLUTIONARY PLANNING GROUP

1. Physically located in a house in the Biltmore Section of Havana.
2. Works under direct supervision of Raul CASTRO who ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ does nothing more than pass orders to the group from Fidel CASTRO
3. Members of this group mentioned:
  - a. Lt. Afren PICHARDO (5)
  - b. Capt fm CAPONE (49)
  - c. Capt fm Napoleon (50)
  - d. Paul EUGHS (51)

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Gen. Fernandez de Castro

26 JULY DISSIDENTS/MIAAMI

FATHER OFASHELL

JORGE VILLATA

CAP. RENEAL HUGUET

CHAMPIONS AT  
THE 26 JULY  
MOVEMENT.  
ORGANIZED IN 6  
PROVINCES  
BATHING, BURNING,  
CALLE, VILLAVIEDE  
ETC.

OA/PR(A)  
DR ANTONIO VARELA  
ORGANIZED IN 6  
PROVINCES THROUGH  
AUTHENTIC PARTY  
LEADERS  
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ACTIVE GROUPS  
OF OA (UNDERGROUND)

# CUBAN AIRFORCE

CMDE. ENRIQUE CARRERAS ROLAS  
JEFE ESCUADRON DE PERSECUCION  
(JETS T-33 - SEA FURY - PS1)

CAP. GASTON BERNAL  
JEFE ESCUADRON BOMBARDERO  
(B-26)

CAP. MARIA CABRERA  
JEFE DE SEGURIDAD

CAP. RINALDO BLANCO  
CUARTEL MAESTRE

CAP. CARMONA  
IN CHARGE WEAPONS AND  
ARMAMENT

CAP. CARLOS MERLO  
ALL MAINTENANCE  
CONTROL OF MECHANICS

CMDE. GUSTAVO L. MANIYA  
JEFE ESCUADRON

1200 MEN AT CAMP  
LIBERTAD

300 AF PERSONNEL

CMDE. W. MORGAN

300 MEN IN HILLS  
OF ESCAMBRAY

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FACILITIES IN  
ESCAMBRAY TO  
SUPPORT G-111A  
OPERATIONS

- X - X - X - X -

2 AIRSTRIPS TAKE  
C-46

- X - X - X - X -

GUNS FOR 1200 MEN  
AMMO FOR 6 MOS.

DIRECTORIO  
REVOLUCIONARIO

ORGANIZED IN  
THE HAVANA  
UNIVERSITY AND  
HAVANA POLICE

- GOVERNMENT/ORGANIZATION/OPINION
- CATHOLIC CHURCH
- POLITICAL
- MILITARY
- GOVERNMENT

VIC/MINIM

CAP. RAFAEL HUGUET

MANUEL  
DANIEL  
C. CANO  
  
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THE NATIONAL  
ARMY (150)  
  
CMTE MANUEL  
GONZALEZ

TRIPLE A  
ORGANIZATION  
  
DR. AURELIANO  
ZANCHES ARANGO

CAMAGUAY  
GARRISON  
  
CMTE. HUBERT  
MATOS  
  
2,500 MEN

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PRIME MINISTER  
  
CAP. ALFREDO  
GUERRA